

THE SCOUT OATH
On My Honor I
will do my best:
1. To do my duty to
God and my country, and to obey the
Scout Law;
2. To help other people at all times;
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

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THE SCOUT LAW
1. A Scout is Trust-
worthy
2. A Scout is Loyal
3. A Scout is Helpful
4. A Scout is Friendly
5. A Scout is Courte-
ous
6. A Scout is Kind
7. A Scout is Obedient
8. A Scout is Cheerful
9. A Scout is Thrifty
10. A Scout is Brave
11. A Scout is Clean
12. A Scout is Reverent

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Lasting Impressions

By E. Urner Goodman, Scout Executive

How happy I was that my first week in Chicago enabled me to visit the far-famed Owasippe Scout Camps. I suppose there is not a Scout Executive in the country who has not heard thrilling things about these camps and I was all set for some high adventure when I fared forth as you, brother Scouts, do during the summer months, across the broad lake to the Michigan shore.

But my anticipations were not big enough. If anything were necessary to make me feel proud of my new family in Chicago, this visit would have done the trick.

I visited first those three celebrated camps on Crystal Lake. I saw the pioneer of all the Owasippe camps, Dan Beard, looking out from the broad plateau over Crystal Lake, and picturing to myself the whole thing set up as it will be in a month or two now, with canvas tops, flag flying, and several hundred khaki clad and sun kissed Scouts making the welkin ring. I visited Camp West with its troop quarters scattered over the hillside in true Scout fashion. I took in Camp McDonald with its very interesting blockhouse, and was privileged to climb a ladder to the room held sacred to the use of the Order of the Arrow, for I too wear the Arrow.

Then we went over to Big Blue and I drew my breath a little faster, and I think my blood became a little redder as I looked out from the site of Checaugau over that beautiful stretch of country in which the lake nestles. I saw the famous menagerie there, the white owl, the horned owl, and all the rest of the inmates looking happy and healthy. Then we trailed along the bank to the newest of the camps, Camp Blackhawk, with all its modern conveniences and many attractions, and only wished that I were a Tenderfoot Scout again with the privilege of going there for a period or two.

The next day we fared forth to Camp Belknap and as I stood on the hill-top between the two lakes, had a hard time imagining anything more attractive or agreeable as a place in which to do my Scouting.

Perhaps the crowning event of my visit, however, was the trip up the White River. A certain hardy young adventurer, by name Mr. Shearer, piloted me across that treacherous river in a boat scarcely the size of the Alabama, and although I suffered agonies en route, I landed high and dry.

And so I saw Owasippe for the first time, and I felt like a lord at the manor surveying his new domain. I shall be

Educational Director Appointed

Former Field Executive of N. W. District Promoted

By Clyde B. Helm, Business Director

Mr. Carl A. Bryan, Field Scout Executive of the North West District since December, 1925, was appointed Educational Director of the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America, effective May 1st, 1927. The very effective and conscientious work of Mr. Bryan during the year and a half that he served the North West District was instrumental in bringing Scouting in that district to a very high



plane of effectiveness and thoroughness. Mr. Barrett Wendell, Jr., chairman of the North West District Executive Committee, made the statement that the district leaders regretted very much the necessity of losing Mr. Bryan from their district. On the other hand, they did not desire to stand in the way of his advancement, so they released him for city-wide work, wishing him well in his new and enlarged sphere.

Mr. Bryan first became interested in Scouting in March, 1922, when he was commissioned as a Scoutmaster in Lincoln, Nebraska. Two months later he was appointed Deputy Commissioner in the same city and six months later, in

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The Beginning of Romance

By Walter H. Gunn

Recently Mr. Wm. M. Scudder, chairman of the Camping Committee of the Chicago Council, was handed a bill to O. K. This bill for camp goods amounted to quite a sum. He looked at it for a few moments, then remarked as he signed his O. K. to it, "Well, this looks like the Beginning of Romance."

At first thought this seems like a queer statement for a business man to make upon O. K.ing a bill, but let me tell you more about it, Scouts, and I think you'll agree he coined a good phrase.

The bill was for twelve brand new Old Town canoes and that's what the purchase of them will mean—the beginning of real outdoor romance and adventure to many Scouts at the Owasippe Camps in the summer of 1927.

Mr. Scudder, Mr. Kennicott and others have thought it would be a fine addition to the camp program if we were equipped to navigate our lakes and the White River with more comfort and in a real aboriginal manner.

The 1927 spring campers were permitted to be the trail blazers for this project, 97 in all making the canoe trip "Down the White River." The fruits of the first trip will be found at Camp McDonald in the form of an old Indian dugout canoe rescued from an old log jam. Here we will let Robert Binner, scribe for the last trip, tell you a little about it.

"The canoe trip of Hank Steinbach's patrols, consisting of the Pieces of Eight and others, started April 29, 1927, for the old Podunk bridge on the White River on Friday afternoon in trucks, having made up our packs in the morning so as to be able to leave as soon after lunch as possible.

We saw many birds that took our interest along the way such as big blue heron, hawks, crows, bluebirds, black birds and other small birds. We also saw a snowy owl who was perched right over the road.

We went through the little towns of Twin Lakes and Holton about four o'clock in the afternoon and soon after reached the White River. We were not there more than half an hour when the canoes came on a Fruitvale truck. We were glad to see them, of course, so we immediately took them off the truck and brought them down to the river bank where Mr. Alm, who was in charge of our trip, assigned fellows to the canoes.

We started in the rapids where the current is very swift which made it more exciting. The river has many twists and

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happy, with you, when in just a few more weeks now the bugle blows and the season of 1927 opens. Let me assure you, from all my observations, that the camp and every detail of its program will be ready to start full-fledged when that bugle blows this year.

Jobs Available for Scouts

Scouts available for work are asked to list their names with Scout headquarters. Daily calls come in for dependable fellows. A great number of such calls have turned out to be very splendid positions.

At present there is an opening with a precious metal concern for a lad over 16 years of age. It will take a boy who is neat, well mannered and ambitious to grow into work in the jewelry trade line. For the present the work consists of errands.

A leading sporting goods house is anxious to find an older Scout about to graduate from a general high school course. They can give part time employment now and full time as soon as the school year closes. The work is in the accounting department and will necessitate an intelligent and fast worker.

Address your letters to Mr. C. A. Bryan in care of the Educational Department.

SOUTH SHORE
SQUARE KNOT

First Aid

A big First Aid demonstration and parents' night was held recently by the Triangle Community, which is bounded by the New York Central Railroad, State Street and 79th Street.

The affair was held at the Grand Crossing Park Field House at 77th St. and Ingleside Ave., with over 200 present. The Red Cross official First Aid Demonstrating Team, under the leadership of Mr. R. F. Healy, 7436 S. Michigan Ave., gave some very fine exhibitions, solving typical problems in First Aid in a remarkable manner while Mr. Healy lectured on the points involved.

In addition to the First Aid work several demonstrations were put on by Scouts, but the feature of the Scout work was the fine performance of the District Boy Scout Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps, under the able direction of Major E. R. Torry who has trained these Scouts in all three instruments. Various selections were given with opportunity for the different players to show what they could do. Major Torry will continue to conduct instruction classes as long as there is sufficient demand for it. The classes are conducted on Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., at Saint Pauls on the Midway, 60th St. and Dorchester Ave., and on Saturday, 7:30 p. m., at Grand Crossing Park, 77th and Ingleside Ave. There is only a small charge and all Scouts interested are welcome.

Great Rally

June 4 is the date set for the Trude Trophy Rally. This affair will probably be held in Washington Park. The contest will be between all troops that qualify in the community rallies held preceding the district affair. Events competed for will be Inspection, Close Order Drill, Patrol Drill, Semaphore Signaling, Morse Signaling, Knot-Tying and Fire-by-Friction.

To qualify a team must have completed the following requirements: In Semaphore Signaling, 4 fifty letter messages, completed corrected time with 1 second penalty per error, not to exceed 5 minutes and 30 seconds and at least 80 per cent correct.

In Morse Signaling, 4 twenty-five letter messages, 80 per cent correct with 2 second penalty for each error in five minutes and thirty seconds.

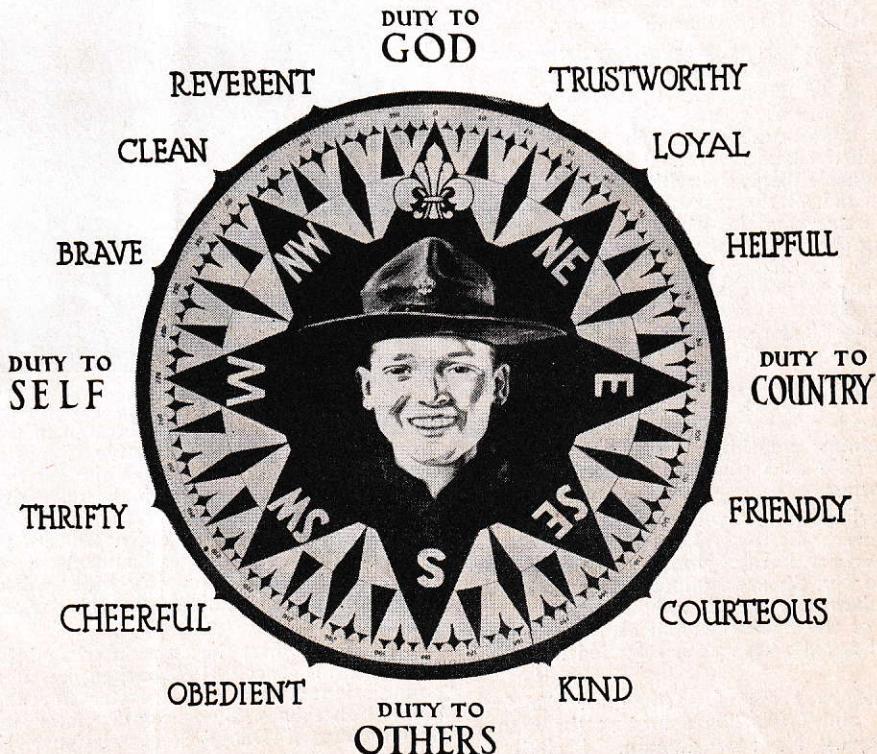
Knot-tying relay. 5 man team relay, fifteen seconds added to time for each error. Total corrected time not to exceed ten minutes.

Fire-by-Friction. Five men team relay, five fires in fifteen minutes.

Ship Ahoy!

The big Sea Scout Rally on June 11 will be held in Jackson Park.

The program includes a muster at 2:00 o'clock. Inspection, promotion awards, drills, inspection of knot boards, and other handicraft, model yacht sailing, rowing races, a visit to the life saving station and if time permits a sail under the auspices of the Jackson Park Yacht Club.



Drawn by an Unknown Scout in a Chicago Troop

Educational Director Appointed

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November, 1922, he became Assistant Scout Executive of the Des Moines, Iowa, Council. In September of the following year he was advanced to the position of Scout Executive of Des Moines where he remained until coming to Chicago in December, 1925.

In his new position as Educational Director, Mr. Bryan will be available at the Central Headquarters, 37 S. Wabash Avenue, for consultation and help in connection with all matters of an educational nature such as training programs. One of his outstanding duties will be the handling of all publicity including the editing of the Scoutmasters' Tool Box each week and Scoutcraft once a month.

Mr. Stanley R. Miller will become Field Scout Executive of the North West District on June 15, 1927. Mr. Miller comes to us from Aurora, Illinois, where he has been an active force in Scouting during the past three years. He has been Scoutmaster of Troop 21 since February, 1924. In addition to this fine piece of work he has served one year as Scout Commissioner of Aurora, has directed two summer camps, and is at present Chairman of the Troop Organization Committee of the Council.



As evidence of the fine leadership which Mr. Miller is giving his troop, it need only be mentioned that Troop 21 is District champion, as well as co-champion of Aurora.

We feel that Chicago is indeed fortunate in enlisting the services of a man of Mr. Miller's high caliber in professional work. He is assured a most hearty welcome from the leaders and scouts of the North West District.

Samson is Son of Samson

This heading might lead you to think that Samson was the son of Sam, but the son syllable was attached on many generations ago, so Samson is really the son of Samson, but the Samson that you know would probably be Mr. Paul Samson, Sr., who is Chief Director of the Owasippe Scout Camps.

The now famous Paul Samson, Junior, who is captain of Michigan's conference and National championship swimming team, is no other than Mr. Samson's son.

Paul is six foot six and has to almost double up to walk into his Dad's tent when he visits Owasippe. His mother, who is

about five foot seven, fondly places her arm around "Pauly's" waist and observes that he will be a big help to her when he grows up. Paul is an old Owasippe Camper in '17 and '18, and is now devoting all his time to Swimming and University work in which he has an all "A" record.

During the summer, Paul spends his time at his mother's camp up in the wild country around Mackinac City.

Calumet**Troop 703 Wins the Rally**

Hats off to Mr. A. H. Davis and his gang. They won the rally again, and congratulations to all of the troops in there trying, especially 752 which was the dark horse of the meet. It was the most successful rally we have held—a capacity crowd, over at 9:50 p. m., splendid sportsmanship; and exceptionally well managed by the Commissioners with Mr. Stinson directing the rally.

Here are the results of the rally as listed when the meet was declared over and won by 703.

1. Drill. Won by 754; 703, second; 747 and 792 tied for third.
2. Knots. Won by 752; 795, second; 775, third; 747, fourth.
3. Semaphore Signaling. Won by 795; 703, second; 792, third; 752, fourth.
4. International Morse. Won by 703; 792, second; 734, third; 752, fourth.

5. Fire by Friction. Won by 752; 747, second and third; 703, fourth.

6. Bugling. Won by 710; 703, second; 752, third; 747, fourth.

7. Pyramids. Won by 727; 792 and 703 tied for second.

8. Troop Yell. Won by 747; 752, second; 775, third; 703, fourth.

Point Winners:

Troop 703, A. H. Davis, Scoutmaster, 18½. 752, J. P. Kilboy, 17.

747, R. G. DeYoung and R. Engelsman, 13½.

792, J. McNamara, 9.

795, N. L. Owens, 8.

754, J. R. Stanley, 5.

727, Felix Andrews, 5.

710, R. Ingebretson and H. Perkins, 5.

775, D. A. Edmunds, 4.

734, W. C. Fick and Wm. Asmus, 2.

Archery Meet Comes June 11

The annual Calumet District Archery Championship meet will be held Saturday, June 11, at 2:30 p. m. The place this year will be 115th and Halsted Streets. Mr. Kilboy will have charge again, and the events will be much similar to those of last year. Invite your parents and friends, but get over to them that everyone will have to exercise great care in preventing accidents.

Outdoor Is Calling!

Ho! for Saturday hikes and week-end camps.

Isn't that just the very things you are thinking about and planning to do? Sure, it is. These are the joy of every true Scout—they mean having the best time of the year to him.

Are you fully equipped with your Official Boy Scout Uniform? If not, let's get ready.

See your

Official Scout Outfitter

I See 'Em

By Heinie

What bird is that? How many times have you heard this expression when you have been on a hike with the gang? Think back to some of those wonderful troop hikes you had, and remember the birds as they flitted out when you approached.

In my experience as a hiker, and trying to learn more about birds, it is always easier for me to classify them by families. A list of birds by families are given you with the hope that it will be of such assistance to you as it has been to me.

Thrush Family

Bluebird
Robin
Wood Thrush
Verry

Acrobats

Kinglets
Chicadee
Tufted Titmouse
Nuthatches

Lively Singers

Wrens
Brown Thrasher
Cat-Bird
Mocking-Bird

Warbler Family

Red Start
Yellow Breasted Chat
Maryland Yellow Throat
Oven Bird
Blackburnian Warbler
Chestnut Sided Warbler
Myrtle Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Black and White Warbler

Vireos or Greenlets

Red-eyed
White-eyed
Yellow-throated
Warbling

Birds Not of a Feather

Loggerhead Shrike
Waxwing
Tannagers
Northern Shrike

Swallows

Purple Martin
Barn
Cliff or Eaves
Bank
Tree

Blackbird Family

Bronze Grackles
Baltimore Oriole
Orchard
Meadow Lark
Cowbird
Bobolink
Purple Grackle
Crow Blackbird
Rusty Blackbird
Red Winged Blackbird
Yellow Headed Blackbird

Sparrow Family

Indigo Bunting
Snowflake
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Tree Sparrow
Purple Finch
Goldfinch
Junco
Towhee
Cardinal
Grosbeak
White Throated
White Crowned
English Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow

Flycatchers

Kingbirds
Crested
Phoebe
Wood Pewee
Least

Queer Relations

Whippoorwill
Night Hawk
Chimney Swift
Hummingbird
Bat

Carpenters in Feathers

Flicker
Red Headed Woodpecker
Yellow Bellied Woodpeckers
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker

Kingfishers and Cuckoos

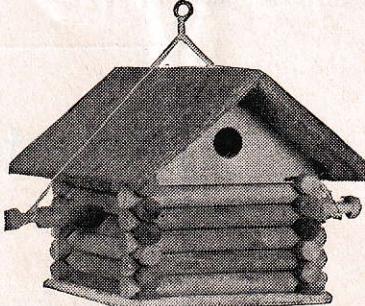
Belted Kingfisher
Yellow Billed Cuckoo
Black Billed Cuckoo

Night and Day Game Hunters

Screech Owl
Barred Owl
Short Eared Owl
Long Eared Owl
Barn Owl



Osprey
Sparrow Hawk
Bald Eagle
Golden Eagle
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Coopers Hawk
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Mash Hawk
Turkey Vulture
Birds of the Shore
Killdeer
Semi-Palmated or Ring
Necked Plover
Least Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper
Woodcock
Sora Rail
Clapper Rail
Coot
Great Blue Heron
Little Green Heron
Bittern
Mourner, Martyr, Whistler, Drummer
Mourning Dove
Passenger Pigeon
Bob-white
Ruffed Grouse
Fastest Flyers, Swimmers, and Divers
Canada Goose
Wild Ducks
Shoveler
Pintail
Herring Gull
Loon



By the time this copy of Scoutcraft arrives, you will have been able to see all of the Warbler family. These are mighty interesting little birds. See how many you will be able to locate in the early morning, or the late evening of some fine sunshiny day.

The warblers live in the tree tops and are hard to see for they flit from branch to branch in their constant hunt for bugs. The Redstart belongs to the fly-catching warblers. He darts here and there and spins about, catching an insect at every turn.

The Yellow-breasted Chat is the largest of the Warblers. You will never forget a Chat if you once hear his song. He barks like a dog, then quacks like a duck, rattles like a kingfisher, squalls like a fox, then caws like a crow and then mews like a cat.

He sometimes sings on a moonlight night—sounds weird, too.

The Maryland Yellowthroat is a beautiful little bird and he looks as if he were dressed for a masquerade ball with a black mask over his face and the sides of his throat.

The Oven bird gets his name from the oven-like nest he builds on the ground. He knows how to hide it, too. You will know he is near when you hear a bird call—Teacher, Teacher, Teacher, louder and louder.

The Blackburnian Warbler is a glorious colored little bird. He is as gayly colored as the oriole.

The Chestnut-sided warbler gets his name from the little chestnut colored stripe on his sides. He is very fond of ants and spends much of his time hopping about looking for them as well as grubs and insects.

The Myrtle warbler is the first of the warblers to arrive in the spring and the last to leave in the fall. Their favorite food is juniper berries and myrtle wax berries.

The little Yellow warbler is a beautiful little yellow bird. Looks like somebody's pet canary had escaped from its cage until you get up close to it. Then you will notice that it has little tiny streaks of reddish brown on its breast.

The black and white warbler looks a great deal like the Downy woodpecker but his habits are so different that you can easily tell the difference. The Downy goes over the tree very slowly and carefully while the black and white warbler hurries from tree to tree wherever he thinks the bugs might be best.



Scoutmasters' Annual Banquet

Every Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster is anxiously waiting for the second annual banquet which is one way the Executive Board has of showing their appreciation for the services rendered in putting Scouting over to the Scouts.

This banquet is to take place at the Webster Hotel, 2150 Lincoln Park, W., at 6:30 on June 7th. The program committee have had several meetings and expect to have a meeting chuck full of good times. The Scoutmasters are working hard to get out a record breaking attendance to give the new Field Scout Executive, Stanley R. Miller, a real welcome.

Flag Day

Arrangements have been made for a real Flag Day observance by Scouts of the District at three of the principal parks: Lincoln, Kelvyn, and Humboldt. The flag lowering exercises will take place promptly at 5:30 under the direction of a Deputy Commissioner. Several of the principal Radio Stations are co-operating by broadcasting a talk on the flag followed by a Scout bugler furnished by the district. The Government Club is furnishing the speakers for this occasion.

Troops will appear at the following parks promptly at 5:00 o'clock in order that the program may start on time:

Lincoln Park, Grant's monument.

Emil Pruess, Deputy Commissioner, in charge.

Baker, Portmaster, assisting.

Troops 99, 135, 143, 22, 76, 37, 70, 129, 61, 44, 96, 82, 20, 53, 65.

Humboldt Park.

Moritz Bendheim, Deputy Commissioner, in charge.

Jerry Shipman, Skipper, assisting.

Troops 19, 10, 59, 35, 27, 97, 38, 32, 33, 95, 155, 148, 13, 17, 117, 26, 15, 120, 14, 4, 11, 28, 102, 101, 6, 39, 77, 56, 21, 90, 80, 79, 62.

Kelvyn Park.

Warren, Deputy Commissioner, in charge.

Ralph Larson, Scoutmaster 37, assisting.

Troops 5, 24, 71, 23, 1, 45, 50, 25, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 83, 88, 40, 41, 125, 60, 46, 160, 85, 147, 2, 16.

On to Camp

The popularity given Camp Checaugau last year is manifesting itself again this season. Registrations are coming in better than ever and from present indications a record attendance will receive the many thrills and adventures that are lined up in the program.

A real honest-to-goodness Staff will be waiting to receive the 1st period campers on Monday, June 27th, and here they are:

Carl A. Bryan, Camp Director.

Stanley R. Miller, Assistant Camp Director.

Harvey Carter, Assistant Camp Director.

Swimming Director, J. Reg Kelly.

Doctor, R. C. Bubolz.

Clerk and Store Keeper, Geo. Mozaleous.

Commissary Officer, Bob. Eichen.

Nature and Hike Master, Walter Pickard.

Quartermaster, Sumner Irey.

Boatman, Ray Linklater.

Bugler, Donald Weren.

Cooks,

Troop Leaders:

1. Chester Jonczyk.

2. Bob Logan.

3. Bill Kleppinger.

4. Geo. Gruener.

5. Clayton Mallory.

6. Albert Helland.

Scouts who were at camp last year will call upon every troop in the district co-operating in an endeavor to have every period at Checaugau filled to capacity. C. U. at camp.

The Assistant Field Scout Executive will be at the Association House every Saturday afternoon to meet Scout Leaders and accept reregistrations. Scouts may bring their camp reservations down here and save them a special trip to the Central office. This service is for your use.

Troop 50 Wins District Swim Title

Troop 50 won the Third Annual North West District Swimming Meet held on May 6th at the Division St. Y. M. C. A. Troops 17 and 25 followed a close second and third respectively. The Meet was sponsored by the Scoutmasters' Association and the Division St. "Y." and was a great success, for the attendance was about 400 people.

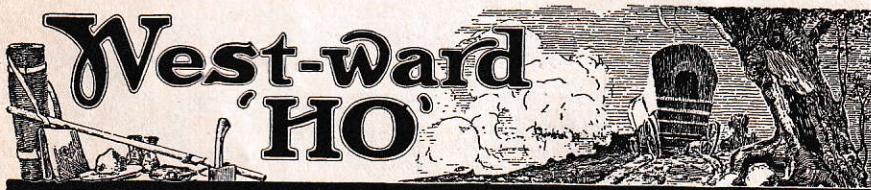
Annual Scout Rally

The annual scouting competition for all troops of the West Side will be held at Camp Fort Dearborn June 11th, beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon. Entry blanks have begun to come in and it looks as though this year's contest would be an unusual affair. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to complete their year's practice in a contest. The elimination contests of course are held within the troop. Then the troop winners are entered in the District wide competitions.

Scoutmasters are especially urged to be on hand early that day in order to make sure that the events are run off on time and well supervised. Scouts should bring their own equipment unless ordered to do otherwise. Scoutmasters might well hold their Friday meeting this particular week as an overnight affair, camping on or near the Fort Dearborn grounds, and then leaving the troop in charge of the camp director for the day Saturday. This will take every Scout to the camp site and have him there ready for the competition the next day.

Leaders' Barbecue

Plans are now under way for a Scoutmasters' barbecue Sunday, June 12th. At this time, Scouts will be asked to enjoy some other portion of the camp grounds than in the immediate vicinity of the cabin.



First Aid Contest

The West Side District held its final contest Friday night, May 6th, at 2417 West Jackson Boulevard. Eleven teams of five Scouts each competed. Two per cent covered the difference in points of the first, second and third place teams. The six judges and referee, furnished by the American Red Cross, declared this to be one of the keenest competitions in First Aid that they had ever judged.

Camp Reunion

The Reunion, Wednesday night, May 11th, of the Owasippe campers who have won honors at Camp Blackhawk, was an immense success. One hundred of these experienced campers recalled exciting experiences on Big Blue, hikes in the woods about Whitehall, canoeing down the White River and glorious hours in the Mess Hall, and plans were laid for putting over the biggest camp rally that the West Side has ever known. The program, handled by Order of the Arrow members with Ed Kincaid as chairman and Theodore Gill as toastmaster, included pictures of camp and talks by old timers and eats, ice cream and cookies.

The camp rally is to be held June 4th at the 132nd Regiment Armory. The organization was on the tribe basis, the four principal tribes of the Blackhawk nation, Sacs, Pottowatamies, Ottawas and Monomamies. These Indians will go out for scalps from now until the camping season is over. The taking of a scalp will constitute the getting of a registration for camp.

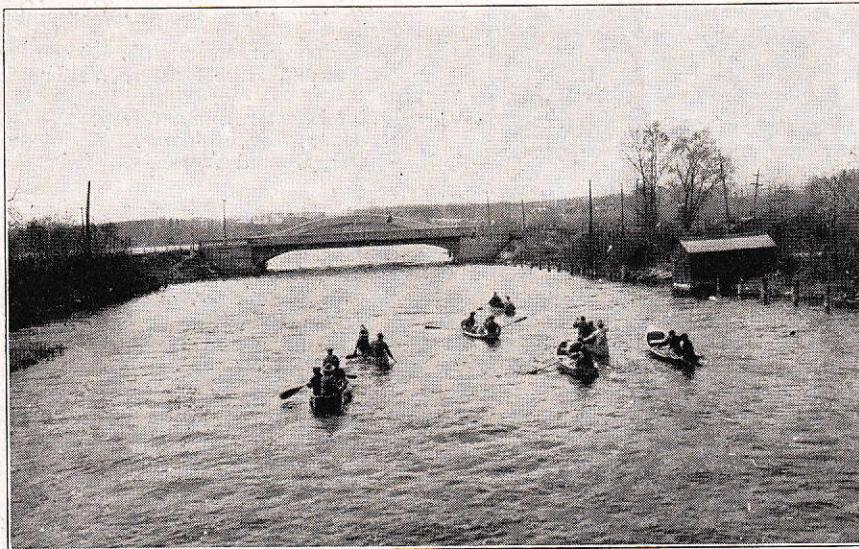
Camp Fort Dearborn

Scoutmaster Henry Koplin of Troop 287 did an outstanding piece of work at Camp Fort Dearborn during vacation week. Under his leadership a spring was curbed with cement. Ditches were dug to drain wet places. A camp incinerator was constructed, as well as other minor improvements made.

Order of the Arrow

The regular weekly meetings of the Order of the Arrow members will be continued. They will visit troops to boost camp. The above plus the continuance of work on the camp rally constitutes the program of this group of older Scouts.

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turns and in some places it comes within fifty feet of itself after making a loop of about three quarters of a mile. All the canoes kept in sight of each other or within calling distance all the way down.

About eight o'clock we stopped at an embankment which was covered with pines and made a perfect camp site. Here was one of the places where the river makes a loop so we went around the bend and came back to the same site and within fifty feet of where we were before. Here we tied up our canoes and made camp. Supper was started and everybody helped get wood for the fire. We had supper about eight forty-five and you bet everybody ate. After supper everyone washed his own dishes and dried them; then began to make his bunk of dead pine needles. Mr. Alm was a candidate for the Order of the Arrow, so he took his pack and left camp, leaving Hank Steinbach in charge of camp.

We had watches all through the night and fixed it so everybody had a chance to watch, sometimes having three in a watch. It was a cold night but most everyone slept soundly through it. Eddy Hedrich, Al Slepian and I were on the last watch and were supposed to get breakfast started, the last watch starting at four o'clock. When we got up it was pitch dark with only the river moving along its winding path.

We collected wood for the fire and put on some water to boil, then just stood by the fire and watched the birds come out and the sun come up. It was a very beautiful morning; the air was clear and fresh, the pines standing upright all around and the birds coming out and singing their morning songs.

About six thirty we had breakfast and again ate with a will until all the farina was gone. We policed camp and cleaned out the fireplace and made the place look as we found it. At eight o'clock we started out again with a beautiful day before us and the best part of our trip ahead.

About nine o'clock we stopped and did some changing about but were soon on our way again. We were getting to where there were quite a few snags in the river so we had to watch ourselves because the other fellows had already had some narrow escapes.

Later on during the morning we came to an old bridge which had fallen down and caused a dam. Here we had to portage our canoes about fifty feet. We were soon on our way again and had not had a mishap yet.

The river as a whole is surrounded by dense forests and swamps. About twelve o'clock we were in sight of the sugar bowl which was our destination. Right here we had some narrow escapes as there are a lot of trees hanging over the river which make it very hard to navigate, not counting the stumps and poles stuck up all around. Fortunately, we got past without a tipover and were at our journey's end.

Here we had lunch of what was left of the provisions and waited for the truck to come with the next bunch who were to continue down the river. We waited all afternoon till four o'clock when they arrived on the spot. In the meantime we had been laying around in the sun getting sunburned and answering questions out of the question and answer book. We saw them off down the river then went back to camp by way of the Big Blue road and got in camp just before supper. Thus ended our canoe trip on April 30, 1927."

Sure there will be definite rules governing these trips, at least parents' consent, the passing of certain swimming and canoeing tests, and probably a \$1.00 transportation fee because it cost over that per Scout to transport Scouts baggage and the canoes. It will also be on the honor basis and for seasoned campers who know the country around camp and wish to get further out.

I'm sure we all agree that Mr. Scudder was right—"The Beginning of Romance."

Yea, for the canoe trips
"Down The White River!"

Annual First Aid Contest

The American Red Cross First Aid Contest which yearly provides a bloody scene of battle is fast approaching. On June 4th at the Central Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, 19 South La Salle street, on the stroke of eight the finals will start. Seven teams, the winners of the district preliminaries, will read their first problem and then "do their stuff."

The contest will be in charge of the American Red Cross with the Chief Surgeon of the Chicago Council Boy Scouts, Dr. H. W. Gentles, in charge. The great sterling silver trophy shield which for years has passed from troop to troop without being won three times in succession will once be at stake.

Much rivalry has been demonstrated this year. Each district had to run off several preliminary community contests and then district finals in order to determine the District championship team.

South Central—Troop 418

Anthony Varon.
Jos. Fabish.
Allison Bedford.
Jos. Kirnbauer.
Roy Hippert.
Marvin Johnson.
Charles Ditch—sub.

Coaches

R. L. Staggs, 6613 S. Justine Ave. Rand 1280.

E. Gordon, care of Commonwealth Edison Co., South Side.

North Shore—Troop 863

Stanley Buckholz
Eldan Volberding
Arthur Swanson } Twins
Melvin Swanson }
Alvin Erickson

West Side—Troop 240

R. Stoab
J. Urniwehr
P. Thompson
T. Hedin
W. Bell
R. Lumby—Alternate.

North West District—Troop 39

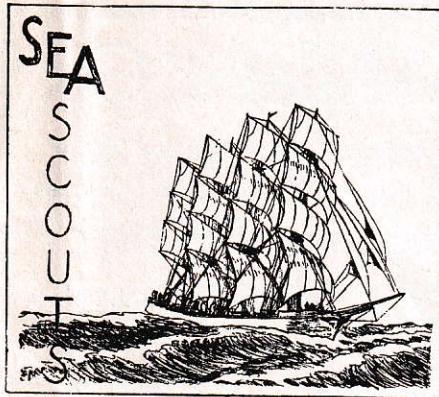
Arthur Gabel
Lewis Bodzewski
Fred Novak
Valentine Rapinski
Albert Peagen.

Calumet—Troop 753

Joseph McDonald
Richard Hoffman
Ferdinand Kopp
Ervine Croulet
Kenneth Perry

South Shore—Troop 509

James Haddon
John Russin
Adolph Bandora
Richard Harris
George Protor
James Fisher



"Seabreeze" Flashes from the "Northern Light"

By this time the Borden Expedition is well on its way to Nome, where it is expected to arrive about July first. Several letters have been received from the crew indicating that they are working hard, having plenty of fun and seeing wonderful sights.

The Seascouts were divided into two watches under Hallerook and Powers.

Among some of the glimmerings to come thru is one to the effect that the ocean gave some mighty heaves and the fish dined royally.

The Northern Light is well equipped and has all the ancient and modern electrical and mechanical devices including a sailor's laundry.

We haven't heard of any of that Diri-gold service being tossed over the side with the dishwater, as Mr. Baker predicted.

Steve Ram inspected a big 3-masted bark of the Alaska Salmon fleet. He was allowed to climb all over and did the job thoroughly. Steve failed to fall off the jibboom, however. We gather that he's a bit out of practice.

The "Seascout Breeze" (South Shore) has started an interesting account of the voyage by one Koona Mara. Whoosis Eskimo half breed, anyhow?

Ship News

Mr. Carlson of the Naval Reserve has been conducting a class in Navigation on board the "Commodore" at the foot of Randolph Street, Saturdays at 2 p. m. Quartermasters and other officers are advised to take advantage of this.

"Old Ironsides" has concluded a long hunt for a boat. With the approval of Portmaster Pieper and the help of their district they bought the "Renegade," a 28-foot Seawanhaka sloop, with masts, sails and all necessary gear. The crew is hard at work and hopes to have it in the water soon in spite of the rainy weather. It will be the largest boat owned individually by a Chicago Ship.

John Paul Jones was the first crew on the water this year. The kitten and Mr. Keane's "Phoenicia" were taken out several times in April.

This crew has a sailing uniform consisting of old dark pants and a sweat shirt dyed blue with the ship's name stenciled on with white paint. The good ones look good. The old Maude is being worked into condition and it is hoped that she will take the water this summer.

The "Quest," South Shore flagship, was well handled and made record time during the recent spring zephyrs—which among other things took the roof off their pilot's house. A skipper's training course will

be sailed on the Quest on May 28. There is to be a big Seascout Rally at Jackson Park June 11, with model yacht races and rowing races. Looks like a big time ahead on the South Shore.

Privateer's (North Shore) crew is well fixed with berths on a number of yachts for the sailing season. There are rumors of the formation of a number of new crews in that district. The whole town is becoming alive with seascout activity.

Old "Nokomis" graces the harbor with her presence. Hasn't been sailing at this writing, but looks as trim and fast as ever. A large crowd divided into four crews under mates will work the schooner this year.

Editor's Note: Send in your ship's news. We want the most interesting news from all over town. This windjammer is skippered by G. W. Shipman, care Scoutcraft, 37 So. Wabash.

Help! Help!

S-S-S.—

Troop 471

FLYING DUTCHMAN

Meeting at St. Marys school, 1039 W. 32nd Street.

Skipper—Wm. H. Manske.
1st Mate—Mel Finlayson.
2nd Mate—C. A. Szmc.
3rd Mate—Leo Gauryeh.

The ship has two full crews.

The boys are all over 16 years, ranging with $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ years' Scout experience received in Troop 421.

Committee

1. Frank Hummel
2. John Orseske.
3. John Johnkowski.
4. Rev. E. Dankowski (chair.).
5. Ben Kunka.

special outing for charter members; and on June 25th-26th—Troop 875 have arranged to have a special Pep Rally at Camp Kiwanis. Harry Alban, Eagle Scout of Troop 815, will be in charge.

Mobilization

The Annual Mobilization Contest of North Shore District which will be held the month of June differs somewhat this year from previous contests. Instead of mobilizing troops at their prospective headquarters, Chairman of the North Shore District committee will issue a call to all troops entered to meet at a central point where they all compete in various contests such as First Aid, Signaling, and in other phases of Scouting which might arise in an emergency. It might be noted that since the recent flood disasters a number of troops have been made to realize the value of a mobilization.

The various Kiwanis Clubs and organizations of North Shore District which have donated shields for intertroop contests are arranging special noon day programs for the purpose of formally awarding these shields to representatives of the winning troops. Among the clubs which are planning such programs are the Albany Park Kiwanis Club, Ravenswood Kiwanis Club, and Uptown Lions Club, the Lakeview Kiwanis Club, the Rogers Park Kiwanis Club, and the Portage Park Post of the American Legion. These contests were held last month in the various sections in which these clubs are located.

Yea Campers

The month of June will be especially marked in North Shore District by a great many troop installations and parents' nights, with emphasis on camp, urging parents to have their boys register as early as possible. Among the troops which are planning very definitely on such affairs are Troops 810, 837, 847, 858, 863, 866, 868, 875, 1800, 1801, and many others not definitely scheduled at this writing.

Special speakers have been selected for practically all of these affairs and in addition to programs which will bring out camp activities, stereopticon slides and motion pictures will be features of these programs.

About half of these troops listed are new troops and their programs will include the presentation of charter and the formal installations of troop committees.

Communities Active

Preliminary to canvassing the various troops of the communities of the North Shore District in urging a large enrollment for camp, most of the communities

are holding special committee meetings the first two weeks in June.

Among those scheduled are the Ravenswood Community Committee which will probably be headed up by Mr. H. E. Bishop, Chairman of the Community Board of Review; the Lakeview Community Committee which will be directed by Mr. John J. Dahm; the Rogers Park Community Committee under Mr. George C. Stuart; the Portage Park Community Committee under Mr. Edmund T. Huick.

Week End Camp

Camp Kiwanis—North which has been crowded to capacity since early last Fall will continue to have even bigger crowds throughout the month of June. For the week end of June 4-5th, Troop 881 of the Irving Park Baptist Church, will be there; June 11-12th, Troop 836 of the Berry Memorial M. E. Church; June 17th-18th—Troop 899 of Norwood Park will have a special anniversary meeting; and on June 18-19th, Troop 871 of the Ravenswood Congregational Church will have their

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